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Re: Patent Application Entitled:
"Adjustable Air Seal on a Fan Hub"
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Patent No. 6,997,681; Issue Date February 14, 2006
CPH Ref. M54:52184

Dear David:

Enclosed is a copy of the above identified patent which we downloaded. The original printed patent will be forward it to you when available.

Under a provision in the law that took effect with patent applications filed on or after May 29, 2000, a patent may have the term extended beyond the normal 20 years term from the date of the earliest U.S. priority application. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) has determined that the term of the Patent is extended beyond the normal expiration date by 122 days.

A study and investigation of the prosecution history of this application, including the dates documents were mailed from and received at the PTO, may reveal that a different, longer or shorter, term extension of the patent should be given. An additional term extension of the patent may be of value to you.

If the Patent is entitled to a different term extension, a request to correct the amount of the term extension must be filed in the PTO. Please advise us promptly if you wish to incur the expense of the study and investigation and we will give you an estimate of the cost. However, the expense of such a study and investigation will not be incurred without your prior authorization.

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Sincerely,



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DETERMINATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 154

(a) General -

Under the current law (35 U.S.C. §154(b)), patents have a term of 20 years from the date on which the application for patent was filed in the United States or, if the application contains a specific reference to an earlier filed U.S. application (under 35 U.S.C. §120, §121, or §365(c)), from the date on which the earliest such application was filed. Any Patent application filed in the U.S. on or after May 29, 2000 is subject to a possible extended date (term adjustment).

The term adjustment is provided pursuant to the law which guarantees prompt Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) responses and guarantees of no more than 3 year application pendency with adjustments for delays due to interferences, secrecy orders and appeals. However, there are certain limitations on the extensions and reductions of the term adjustment for applicant delays in prosecuting the application such as taking more than three months to respond to an official Office action. Briefly the term extension works as follows:

(b) Adjustment of patent term -

(1) Patent term guarantees -

(A) Guarantee of prompt PTO responses -

If the issuance of a patent is delayed due to the failure of the PTO to

(i) provide at least one of the notifications, such as an official Office action (under §132) or a notice of allowance (under §151), not later than 14 months after -

(I) the date on which an application was filed (under §111(a));
or

(II) the date on which an international application fulfilled the filing requirements (under §371);

(ii) respond to an applicant's reply (under §132), or to an appeal (under §134), within 4 months after the date on which the reply was filed or the appeal was taken;

(iii) act on an application within 4 months after the date of a decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (under §134 or 135) or a decision by a Federal court (under §141, 145, or 146) in a case in which allowable claims remain in the application; or

(iv) issue a patent within 4 months after the date on which the issue fee was paid (under §151) and all outstanding requirements were satisfied, **then the term of the patent is to be extended 1 day for each day after the end of the period specified in clause (i), (ii), (iii), or (iv) above, as the case may be, until the action described in such clause is taken.**

(B) Guarantee of no more than 3-year application pendency -

If the issue of the patent is delayed due to the failure of the PTO to issue a patent within three years after the U.S. filing of the application, but excluding

- (i) any time consumed by continued examination of the application requested by the applicant (under §132(b);
- (ii) any time consumed by a proceeding, such as an interference (under §135(a)), any time consumed by the imposition of an order, such as a secrecy order (under §181), or any time consumed by appellate review by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences or by a Federal court; or
- (iii) any delay in the processing of the application by the PTO requested by the applicant, except where it can be shown that, under all due care, applicant was unable to respond within 3 months (but no more than 3 months),

then the term of the patent shall be extended 1 day for each day after the end of that 3-year period until the patent is issued.

(C) *Guarantee or adjustments for delays due to interferences, secrecy orders, and appeals -*

Subject to the limitations under paragraph (2) below, **if the issue of an original patent is delayed** due to

- (i) a proceeding, such as an interference (under §135(a));
 - (ii) the imposition of an order, such as a secrecy order (under § 181); or
 - (iii) appellate review by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences or by a Federal court in a case in which the patent was issued under a decision reversing an adverse determination of patentability,
- then the term of the patent shall be extended 1 day for each day of the pendency of the proceeding, order, or review, as the case may be.**

(2) *Limitations -*

(A) *In general -*

To the extent that periods of delay attributable to grounds specified in paragraph (1) above overlap, the period of any adjustment granted under this subsection shall not exceed the actual number of days the issuance of the patent was delayed.

(B) *Disclaimed term -*

The term may not be adjusted beyond the expiration date specified in a disclaimer.

(C) *Reduction of period of adjustment -*

- (i) The period of adjustment of the term of a patent under paragraph (1) above shall be reduced by a period equal to the period of time during which the applicant failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude prosecution of the application.
- (ii) With respect to adjustments to patent term made under paragraph (1)(B) above, an applicant shall be deemed to have failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of an application for the cumulative total of any periods of time in excess of 3

months that are taken to respond to a notice from the Office making any rejection, objection, argument, or other request, measuring such 3-month period from the date the notice was given or mailed to the applicant.

(iii) The Director of the PTO prescribes regulations to establishing the circumstances that constitute a failure of an applicant to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of an application.

(3) *Procedures for patent term adjustment determination. -*

(A) The Director of the PTO makes a determination of any term adjustment for each patent.

(B) The applicant has an opportunity to request reconsideration of the determination.

(C) The Director of the PTO is to reinstate all or part of the cumulative period of time of an adjustment under Paragraph (2)(C) above, if the applicant, prior to the issuance of the patent, makes a showing that in spite of all due care, the applicant was unable to respond within the three month period (up to a maximum of three months).